

**REPORT OF THE  
QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS SYSTEM**

**DECEMBER 23, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman David Ansell, MD and Director Luis Muñoz, MD, MPH (2)

**Absent:** Directors Hon. Jerry Butler and Benn Greenspan, PhD, MPH, FACHE (2)

**Also Present:** David Barker, MD -- Chief Medical Officer, Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center; Jennifer Camacho Catrambone -- Quality Improvement Coordinator/Database Manager; Judith Frigo, MD -- Chief Medical Officer, Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County; Aaron Hamb, MD - Chief Medical Officer, Provident Hospital of Cook County; Avery Hart, MD -- Interim Chief Medical Officer, Cermak Health Services; Jack Kowalski, MD -- Associate Medical Director, Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center; Enrique Martinez, MD -- Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory and Community Health Network of Cook County; John M. Raba, MD -- Interim Chief Medical Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Deborah Santana -- Office of the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners of Cook County

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Your Quality and Patient Safety Committee of the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the hour of 12:00 P.M. at Stroger Hospital, 1901 West Harrison Street, in the fifth floor conference room, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Ansell welcomed the attendees and asked all present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

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**Roll Call**

Deborah Santana, of the Office of the Secretary to the Board, called the roll of members and it was determined that a quorum was not present.

The Committee proceeded to receive information on the items presented that could be discussed in open session, however, no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

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Chairman Ansell stated that at the next meeting, the Committee needs to spend some time as a group determining what needs to be the agenda going forward; one question to discuss is - what are the barriers to delivering good care, and how are we going to do it?

Chairman Ansell distributed information that his organization developed as part of their strategic planning process and requested that Dr. Jack Raba, System Interim Chief Medical Officer, work with the Chief Medical Officers and Quality Improvement Directors to think big around these types of issues to prepare for such Committee discussions. Problem areas, such as purchase order tracking, could benefit from the development of dashboards; he may suggest inviting members of the Finance Committee to the next Quality and Patient Safety Committee to discuss the development of such a dashboard, and address it as a System quality issue.

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**Review and accept minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2008**

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

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**Receive quarterly quality report from the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center**

The following individuals presented the quarterly quality report from the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center: Dr. David Barker, Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Jack Kowalski, Associate Medical Director; and Jennifer Camacho Catrambone, Quality Improvement Coordinator/Database Manager.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

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**Receive report on status of preparations for Cermak re-accreditation**

Dr. Avery Hart, Interim Chief Medical Officer of Cermak Health Services, provided an update on the status of preparations for Cermak re-accreditation.

During the discussion, the subject of the budget and capital requests arose. Chairman Ansell requested that a breakdown of Cermak's needs be prepared with regard to this<sup>1</sup>; he referred to the Memorandum of Agreement and its specific technical components that relate to capital program items. He requested that a report on Cermak's obligations with regard to the Memorandum of Agreement be prepared; this should be discussed at the March meeting of the Board of Directors<sup>2</sup>.

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During the meeting, the Committee was informed that the Ambulatory and Community Health Network was placed on provisional status by the Joint Commission. Chairman Ansell requested that a report on the subject be given by Angela Schrimpl and Dr. Enrique Martinez at the next meeting of the Committee<sup>3</sup>.

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**Receive and approve Medical Staff Appointments/Re-appointments/Changes**

The Committee did not discuss this item, due to the lack of a quorum and the inability to recess into closed session to discuss the item. Chairman Ansell stated that the medical staff appointments/reappointments/changes presented would be placed on the January 15, 2009 Agenda of the Board of Directors for their consideration.

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**Receive report of the Joint Conference Committee of Stroger Hospital  
for the meeting of November 18, 2008**

The Committee did not discuss this item, due to the lack of a quorum and the inability to recess into closed session to discuss the item.

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**Receive reports from the Medical Staff Executive Committees  
from Provident and Stroger Hospitals**

The Committee did not discuss this item, due to the lack of a quorum and the inability to recess into closed session to discuss the item.

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**Receive reports on the following:**

- Any Sentinel Events or Near Misses
- Any Patient Grievance Reports
- Update on "never" events
- Report on Recent Regulatory Visits

The Committee did not discuss this item, due to the lack of a quorum and the inability to recess into closed session to discuss the item.

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**Public Comments**

Chairman Ansell asked the Secretary to call upon the registered speakers.


Ms. Santana replied that there were none.

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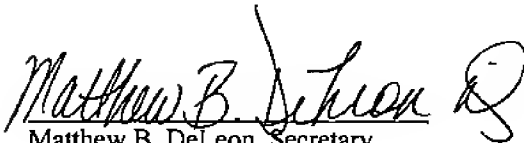
**Adjournment**

As the agenda was exhausted, Chairman Ansell declared the meeting ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Quality and Patient Safety Committee of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Cook County Health and Hospitals System

  
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David Ansell, MD, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

The following was requested or was indicated as a follow-up item at this meeting:

- <sup>1</sup> Follow-up: Request for breakdown of Cermak's capital program requests. On page 2. (Dr. Hart)
- <sup>2</sup> For March 2009 Board Meeting: Request for a report on Cermak's obligations with regard to the Memorandum of Agreement, for discussion at a March meeting of the Board of Directors. On page 2.
- <sup>3</sup> For January 2009 Meeting: report on Ambulatory and Community Health Network placement on provision status by the Joint Commission. On page 2. (Dr. Martinez and A. Schrimpl)